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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. **FSIS-2021-0026**]

**Notice of Request to Revise an Approved Information Collection:  
Records to be Kept by Official Establishments and Retail Stores  
that Grind Raw Beef Products**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to revise the approved information collection regarding records to be kept by official establishments and retail stores that grind raw beef products. The approval for this information collection will expire on March 31, 2022. FSIS is reducing the burden hours for this collection by 1,658,651 hours after consulting with several establishments and retail stores because they typically use half of the time initially estimated for the collection of records.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail*: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals*: Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Instructions*: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2021-0026. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket*: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202)205-0495 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**:

**Title:** Records to be Kept by Official Establishments and Retail Stores that Grind Raw Beef Products.

**OMB Number:** 0583-0165.

**Type of Request:** Request to revise an approved information collection.

**Abstract:** FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*) and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting a revision of the approved information collection regarding records to be kept by official establishments and retail stores that grind raw beef products. The approval for this information collection will expire on March 31, 2022. FSIS is reducing the burden hours for this collection by 1,658,651 hours after consulting with several establishments and retail stores because they typically use half of the time initially estimated for the collection of records.

All official establishments and retail stores that grind raw beef products for sale in commerce, including products ground at a customer's request, are required to maintain certain records. The required records include the following information:

(A) The establishment numbers of the establishments supplying the materials used to prepare each lot of raw ground beef product; (B) All supplier lot numbers and production dates; (C) The names of the supplied materials, including beef components and any materials carried over from one production lot to the next; (D) The date and time each lot of raw ground beef product is produced; and (E) The date and time when grinding equipment and other related food contact surfaces are cleaned and sanitized (9 CFR 320.1(b)(4)(i)).

*Estimate of Burden:* FSIS estimates that it would take about 25 hours per respondent annually.

*Respondents:* Official establishments and retail stores that grind raw beef products.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 65,911.

*Estimated Total Annual Recordkeeping Burden on Respondents:* 1,658,650 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the

information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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